

**MR. C. N. SRIRANGANATHA SASTRI** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Each case will be decided on its merits, but of course it will follow a principle.

*Results of the V. S. L. C. Examination in 1106 and 1107 in the Kottaram school.*

**71. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pupils that appeared for the V. S. L. C. Examination from the Kottaram school in 1106 and 1107; and

(b) the number that passed.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) 10 and 12 respectively.

(b) 6 and none respectively.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the answer to part (b), are the Government aware that the results in 1107 were nil because 50 per cent of the teachers are qualified only in Malayalam and not in Tamil?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware of that fact. Government have inquired of the Director of Public Instruction to report what circumstance led to this abnormal failure.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there is a teacher who is neither qualified in Tamil nor qualified in Malayalam?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether there is a G. O. that only people qualified in Tamil can be teachers in Tamil in schools in Tovala and Agastisvaram?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): May I know what the Government mean when they say that they claim notice?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Information is not available. It has to be found out whether there is such a G. O.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Assistant Inspector of Vernacular Schools, Mr. Gopala Rao, reported that the retention of the Malayalam teacher in the school is ruinous to the Tamil students in the school?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

*Assessment on paddy lands in Tovala and Agastisvaram.*

**72. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the answer to Question No. 486 (145), given at the meeting of the Council held on the 12th August 1932, are the Government aware that, by cultivating paddy lands subject to the maximum assessment of Rs. 35-19-0 per acre in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram, the cultivators get only minus profits?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): The answer is that Government have no information. May I know whether there were petitions to revise the land tax in Nanjanad in view of the fact that foreign paddy is allowed into Travancore and the prices are ruinous to our agriculturists?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): No petition was received by Government.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): The day before yesterday Government have said that there were petitions like that.

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): Is it about the reduction of tax?

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Yes.

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): About the kottah measurement there was some petition and it was engaging the attention of Government.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Are Government aware that 70 per cent of the Nanjanad cultivators have given up paddy cultivation in lands subject to the assessment of 25 per cent and more?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): No. The information of Government is just the contrary.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that the Economic Depression Enquiry Committee have stated that the present cultivators of paddy in Nanjanad complain that the price of paddy is ruinous to them and that the assessment also is very high and therefore the continuance of the present state of affairs will ultimately drive them to abandon their fields?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Then, may I know the action taken by Government thereon?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): Government are making enquiries about it.

**MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): May I know if the Banking Enquiry Committee, in volume I of their report, have stated that the Nanjanad paddy cultivators derive only minus profits?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know that. I have not come across such a passage in the Report.

*Major operations conducted in the Nagercoil District Hospital:*

73. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major operations conducted in the District Hospital, Nagercoil, in 1106, 1107 and the first quarter of 1108; and

(b) how many cases were successful, and the percentage of success?